53. (Amended) The composition of claim 26 or 27 wherein the light absorbing portion of $A_1$ comprises the residue of at least one light absorbing monomer selected from the group consisting of azo, disazo, bis-azo and azomethine and having respectively the structures:

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$$R_6\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}Z,\ R_6\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}R_7\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}Z,\ R_6\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}Y_1\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}R_6 \text{ and}$$
$$D{=}HC\text{-}N{=}N\text{-}Z$$

wherein $R_6$ is the residue of an aromatic or heteroaromatic amine which has been diazotized and coupled with a coupling component H-Z and is derived from an amine selected from the group consisting of aromatic and heteroaromatic amine classes selected from the group consisting of aniline, 1-aminonaphthalene, 1-aminoanthraquinone, 4-aminoazobenzene, 2-aminothiazole, 2-aminobenzothiazole, 3-amino-2,1-benzisothiazole, 2-aminothieno[2,3-d]thiazole, 5-aminoisothiazole, 5-aminopyrazole, 4-aminopyrazoloisothiazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,4-thiadiazole, 5-amino-1,2,3-triazole, 2-amino-1,3,4-triazole, 2(5) aminoimidazole, 3-aminopyridine, 2(3) aminothiophene, 2(3) aminobenzo[b]thiophene, 2-aminothieno[3,2-b]thiophene, 3-aminothieno[2,3-c]isothiazole, 3-amino-7-benz- 2,1-isothiazole, 3-aminobenzothienoisothiazole, 3-aminoisothiazole[3,4-d]pyrimidine, 5-amino- 1,2,3-triazole, 3(4) aminophthalimide and 5(6) amino-1,2-benzisothiazolon-1,1-dioxide with said aromatic and heteroaromatic ring systems being unsubstituted or substituted with one or more groups selected from $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxy, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, carboxy, halogen, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, formyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoyloxy, dicyanovinyl, $C_3$-$C_8$-cycloalkanoyl, thiocyano, trifluroacetyl, cyano, carbamoyl, -CONH-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, CONHaryl, CON($C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)$_2$, sulfamoyl, $SO_2NH$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, $SO_2N$($C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)$_2$, $SO_2NH$aryl, $SO_2NH$ $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, CONH $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, aryl, aroyl, -$NHSO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, -N($C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)$SO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, -$NHSO_2$ aryl, NHCO $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, NHCO $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, NHCOaryl, $NHCO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, NHCONH $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, NHCONHaryl, N($C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)aryl, arylazo, heteroaryl, aryloxy, arylthio, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkoxy, heteroarylazo, heteroarylthio, arylsulfonyl, tricyanovinyl, aryloxysulfonyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylsulfonyl, trifluoromethyl, fluorosulfonyl, trifluoromethylsulfonyl,

thiocyano, hydroxy, nitro or CH=D, wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, α-cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α-cyanacetic acid amides, α-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α-arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoylacetonitriles, α-aroylacetonitriles, α-heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3-indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2-furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6-dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis(dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl-$C(CH_3)C=C(CN)_2$; wherein $R_7$ is a divalent aromatic or heteroaromatic radical selected from the group consisting of 1,4-phenylene, naphthalene-1,4-diyl, thiazol-2,5-diyl and thiophene-2,5-diyl:

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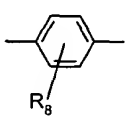
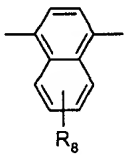
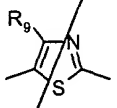
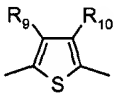


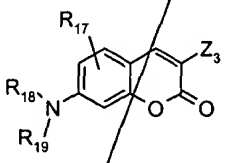
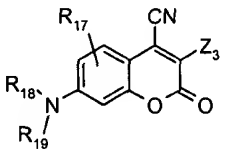
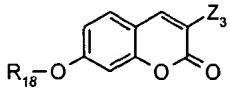




wherein $R_8$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen or 1-2 groups selected from $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxy, cyano, halogen, -NHCO $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, -$NHCO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, -NHCO aryl, -NHCONH aryl or NHCONH $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl; $R_9$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, halogen, aryl, heteroaryl; $R_{10}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, cyano, carbamoyl, aryl, arylsulfonyl, aroyl, -CONH $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, or $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylsulfonyl; wherein Z is the residue of a coupling compound selected from the group consisting of electron rich compound classes of anilines, 1-aminonaphthalenes, 1,2-dihydroquinolines,1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro-2H-1,4-benzoxazine), pyrazolones,

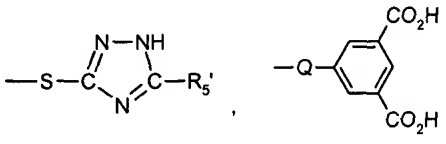
pyrazoles, 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,3-dihydroindoles, indoles, 4-hydroxycoumarins, 4-hydroxy-2-quinolones, imidazo[2,1-b]thiazoles, julolidines (2,3,6,7-tetrahydro-1H,5H-benzo[ij]quinolizines), 1-oxajulolidines, 1,2,5,6-tetrahydro-4H-pyrrolo[3,2,1-ij]quinolines, 2,6-diamino-3 cyanopyridines, 2-aminothiazoles, 2-aminothiophenes, 5,5-dimethyl-1,3-cyclohexanedione (dimedone), phenols, naphthols, 2,4-pentanediones or acetoacetarylides; wherein $Y_1$ is the residue of a bis coupling component selected from the group consisting of anilines, 1,2-dihydroquinolines, 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinolines, benzomorpholines (3,4-dihydro- 2H-1,4-benzoxazines), 3-cyano-6-hydroxy-2-pyridones, 2,6-diaminopyridines, 2,3-dihydroindoles, naphthylamines, 2-aminothiazoles, or a combination of these; with the provision that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each or a functional group containing two acidic hydrogen are present in the diacidic light absorbing monomer.

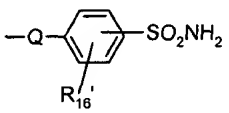
57. (Amended) The composition of claim 51 wherein the light absorbing portion of $A_1$ comprises a residue of at least one diacidic coumarin compounds selected from the group consisting of the structures

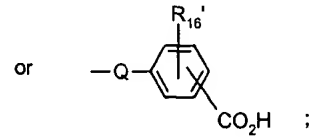




wherein $Z_3$ is selected from the group consisting of cyano, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylsulfonyl, arylsulfonyl, aryl, heteroaryl, formyl, aroyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoyl or-CH=D, wherein $R_{17}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, 1-2 groups selected from $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxy, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylthio, -O $C_2$-$C_6$ alkylene-OH, O $C_2$-$C_6$ alkylene- $C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoyloxy, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylene-OH, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkylene- $C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoyloxy, halogen, carboxy, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxycarbonyl, trifluoromethyl,$NHCOR_{24}$ , $NHCO_2R_{24}$, $NHCON(R_{24})R_{25}$, and $NHSO_2R_{25}$, wherein $R_{24}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl or aryl, $R_{25}$ is selected from the group

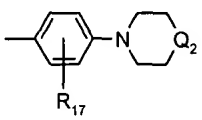
consisting of $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl or aryl wherein each $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl group in $R_{24}$ and $R_{25}$ may be further substituted with one or more groups selected from the group consisting of $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, aryl, aryloxy, arylthio, $CO_2H$, $CO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, cyano, hydroxy, succinimido, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxy,







wherein $R_5'$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl or aryl; $R_{16}'$ is selected from hydrogen or one or two groups selected from $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl, halogen, and $C_1$-$C_6$ alkoxy; Q is selected from the group consisting of -O-, -N($COR_{10}$)-, -N($R_{10}$)-, -S-, -$SO_2$-, -$CO_2$-, CON($R_{10}$), $SO_2$($R_{10}$)-, wherein $R_{10}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, aryl, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl or $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl; $R_{18}$ and $R_{19}$ are independently selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, unsubstituted $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl, substituted $C_1$-$C_{10}$ alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ alkenyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ alkynyl and aryl or $R_{18}$ and $R_{19}$ may be combined with another element to which they are attached to form a radical Z having the formula



wherein $Q_2$ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond, -O-, -S-, -$SO_2$-, -CO-, -$CO_2$-, -N-($C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)-, -N(CO $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)-, -N($SO_2$ $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl)-, -N(CO aryl)-, or-N($SO_2$ aryl); $R_{20}$, $R_{21}$ and $R_{22}$ are independently selected from the group consisting of or $C_1$-$C_6$ alkyl; $R_{23}$ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, $C_1$-$C_6$

alkyl, $C_3$-$C_8$ cycloalkyl, heteroaryl or aryl; wherein D is the residue of an active methylene compound selected from the group consisting of malononitrile, α-cyanoacetic acid esters, malonic acid esters, α-cyanacetic acid amides, α-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkylsulfonylacetonitriles, α-arylsulfonylacetonitriles, α-$C_1$-$C_6$ alkanoylacetonitriles, α-aroylacetonitriles, α-heteroarylacetonitriles, bis(heteroaryl)methanes, 1,3-indanediones, 2-furanones, benzo-2-furanones, naphtho-2-furanones, 2-indolones, 3-cyano-1,6-dihydro-4-methyl-2,6-dioxy (2H)-pyridines, benzo (b) thieno-3-ylidene propane dinitrile-5,5-dioxides, 1,3-bis(dicyanomethylene) indanes, barbituric acid, 5-pyrazolones, dimedone, 3-oxo-2,3-dihydro-1-benzothiophene-1,1-dioxides or aryl-$C(CH_3)C=C(CN)_2$, with the proviso that two acidic functional groups containing one acidic hydrogen each, or a functional group containing two acidic hydrogens are present.